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Time For Action

THE incredible situation at the Koje Island POW camp is fast becoming beyond comprehension. Brigadier-General Boatner, the new commandant, now has to admit that "We (the UN command) have control of the prison camp outside the barbed wire, but we do not have control inside." And if that were not preposterous enough, he has to suggest that "It is impossible to control 6,000 men if they don't want to be controlled and are under Communist subversive control inside." This is complete nonsense. In the light of such a mental attitude as that possessed by General Boatner, (and recalling the earlier fiascos standing in the names of Brigadier Dodd and Brigadier Colson) Mr Attlee and his colleagues can hardly be blamed for suggesting in the House of Commons that if the British authorities had been in control none of the recent events would have happened. The impression gained is that the American camp commandants have confused humaneness with supineness.

ACCORDING to the principles laid down at the Geneva Convention of 1929, "Prisoners of war must at all times be humanely treated. Likewise protected, particularly against acts of violence or intimidation and against insults." There is nothing, however, in the Geneva Convention which says prisoners of war shall be given such freedom that they are in a position to make for themselves lethal weapons, plot insurrection, kidnap officers, hold drum-head trials and condemn fellow prisoners to death: in general to be able to place themselves above the authority and jurisdiction of their captors. The incidents at Koje Island camp expose the distressing inefficiency of the senior officers in charge who represent the United Nations Command. Moreover, any further display of ineptitude will automatically reflect on the Commonwealth troops which have been called in to assist in restoring order. Clearly this consideration was at the back of Mr Lester Pearson's mind when he expressed his concern to the State Department over the sending of Canadian troops to the island without prior consultation with or approval of the Canadian Government.

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E. German Forces Clearing Frontier Sites

Launch Capsizes: 11 Drowned

Argentina, May 27. Eleven persons were drowned today when a launch carrying 35 passengers capsized in the Paraná River.

Twenty-four passengers were saved by a Maritime Prefecture launch searching the river in the early morning darkness.

The launch, carrying passengers to Ciudad de Corrientes, founded in midstream due to low water. It was apparently caught in a whirlpool.

Some of the passengers were Paraguayan political representatives bound for Buenos Aires. — United Press.

Stranded Plane: All Safe

London, May 27. The 10 passengers and eight members of the crew of the British Overseas Airways' Hermes plane which made a forced landing in French West Africa yesterday are all safe, it was stated here tonight.

A Corporation official said that confirmation of their safety had been received here.

The Hermes, bound from London for Lagos, Nigeria, came down on the edge of the Sahara Desert, about 48 miles from Atar.

Officials in London tonight still did not know why its landing was a considerable distance off the normal London-Lagos course. A relief plane from London flew over the scene today. Earlier, a doctor and two nurses were parachuted to the Hermes which had landed on soft sand.

BOAC's Deputy Operations Director, Captain J. Harrington, who flew in the relief aircraft, radioed that the Hermes' port wing appeared to be damaged. He said that there was considerable activity around the aircraft. Crews and passengers were seen waving and walking around. — Reuter.

AMPHIBIAN CRASHES

Port Angeles, May 27. A Const Guard PBM amphibian plane crashed shortly after taking off from the Coast Guard station here today, killing four crewmen but leaving eight survivors.

Eight men were rescued from south of Port Angeles Bay, the scene of the crash, and two of them were seriously injured. Five had minor injuries and one was unharmed.

Officials at the naval air station said the plane, on a flight to Prince Rupert in British Columbia, climbed to 100 feet on its take-off, then suddenly fell into the Bay. — United Press.

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CONSTRUCTING TANK TRAPS

No-Man's-Land Ban To West Germans

Berlin, May 27.

The Government of Lower Saxony, West Germany, tonight announced that East German units all along the frontier facing their province were clearing a 30-foot wide lane of trees and other obstacles.

The official statement said that what appeared to be tank traps were being built in a three-mile belt.

Firing lanes which would give sentries or command posts command of every inch of the frontier were also being constructed, the announcement said.

Meanwhile, the East German Information Ministry announced today that a no-man's land three miles and one furlong wide will be created inside the East German border with West Germany.

People who want to travel into this area must apply for a special permit from the People's Police.

The Ministry said that these measures were made necessary by West Germany's signing of the "peace" pact with the Western Allies yesterday.

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The regulation applies only to Germans. It makes no reference to nationals of the three Western Powers in Berlin.

It gives the East German authorities the power — if they wish to exercise it — to bar East Germany to all West Germans and West Berlin travellers.

Until now, West Germans Professor Ernst Reuter told reporters: "Two rivals are now putting their loaded revolvers on the table. West Berlin is in the unpleasant position of standing between them."

WON'T LOSE NERVES

Professor Reuter said the latest Communist measures were "intimidation attempts and empty threats" over which Berliners would not lose their nerves.

He appealed to West Germans not to be frightened either, for it was part of the Communists' game to destroy West German faith in the future of West Berlin, in its ability to make and deliver the goods.

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Measures taken by East Germans today included:

Burmese Troops Capture Nationalist General

Rangoon, May 27.

Burmese Government forces fighting Chinese Nationalists in the Kentung area, on the Burma-Thai (Slam) border, have captured Major-General Li Su-fai, second in command to General Li Mi, it was announced today.

Chinese Nationalist troops commanded by General Li Mi were earlier this month reported to have been raiding and looting towns and villages on Burma's eastern frontier. They are part of a force of up to 10,000 Chinese troops who withdrew into Burma from Yunnan in 1950.

After interrogation General Li Su-fai was ordered to be detained in a central Burma camp, it was reported.

Forty-four Chinese Nationalist troops were reported today to have been killed in a border clash with Burmese Government forces.

Burmese Government forces, in a surprise sweep, captured the

district headquarters of Communist and Karen rebels in Mergui, 300 miles south of Rangoon, it was officially learned here.

Twenty Karen were killed and 30 wounded. Communist casualties were not immediately known.

Communist rebels, ambushed an army train 100 miles north of Rangoon by dynamiting the railway track. One army escort was killed in the fight with rebels.

Rebels paralysed the train service between Shweda, 30 miles north of Mandalay and Myitkyina, capital of the tribal Kachin State, by blowing up a vital railway bridge. — Reuter.

Non-Smoking Grocer's Fortune

London, May 27.

David Greig, British grocer, who left £101,281 gross in his will published today, vowed at 22 when he opened his first small shop that he would not smoke till he had made £10,000.

When he made it he extended the vow to another £10,000.

When he died in January his company controlled 200 shops and still he had not smoked.

Greig, 50, died in 1951. (Contd. on back page, Col. 3)



Roses On Ice

Text Of Tripartite Declaration

Paris, May 27. Text of the tripartite declaration issued in Paris today by the United States, Britain and France follows:

US TROOPS AMBUSHED BY REDS

Pusan, May 27.

Communist guerrillas raided and burned an American engineering unit's camp 10 miles north of Pusan on Friday, killing five United States soldiers and a Korean houseboy.

The raiders attacked with hand grenades.

They wounded two other American soldiers and a Korean labourer.

They escaped to the hills with two Allied machine-guns, seven rifles and 700 rounds of ammunition.

The Army's disclosure of the raid came shortly after the Republic of Korea clamped martial law in the Pusan area in an effort to curb guerrilla activities and to check anticipated pre-election violence.

There is unofficial speculation that escaped prisoners of war might be among the guerrillas who, the Government announcement said, "show growing activities."

The Army said that the guerrillas swept down from the hills at midnight to loot a small camp in a gravel pit a few miles away from other Allied troops. — United Press.

Narrow Escape From Death

Seoul, May 27.

Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, on tour of Korea, had a narrow escape from death today when a Marine helicopter made a forced landing in a rice paddy North of Seoul.

Sulzberger was accompanied by his son Arthur Jr., a Marine Reserve Second Lieutenant on duty in Korea, and Harold Hinman, of the Times' Washington Bureau.

No one was hurt in the landing.

Sulzberger, wearing army combat fatigue clothing and combat boots, talked with the others across the paddy to the Uijongbu road where a jeep met them and took them to the First Corps Headquarters. — Associated Press.

Parcels For POWs

London, May 27.

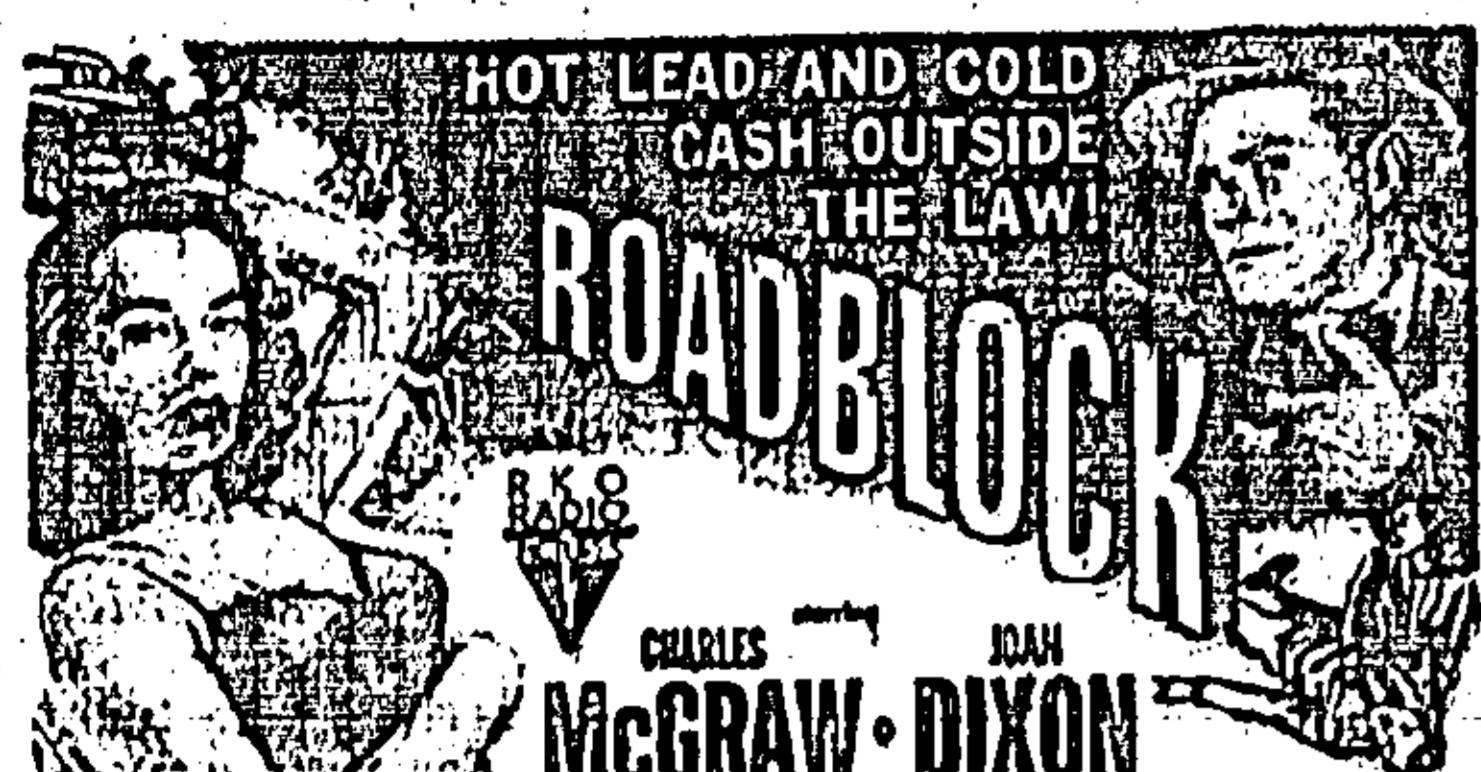
The War Secretary, Mr. Anthony Head, told the House of Commons today that it was outside his province that private advertisements were appealing for parcels for prisoners of war in Chinese hands. The British Red Cross Society had a large stock of parcels in Japan, but could not get them to British prisoners, he added. — Reuter.

Common Enterprise

Moreover, Western defence is a common enterprise in which the governments of the United Kingdom and the United States are already partners through membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

These bonds are now strengthened by the system of reciprocal guarantees agreed to between the member states of the European Defence Community, and between these member states and member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

For these various reasons, including the fact that these new guarantees will apply to the states concerned only as members of one of the other of these organisations, the governments of the United Kingdom and the United States have an abiding interest, as has the government of France, in the effectiveness of the treaty creating the European Defence Community and in the strength and integrity of that Community.

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Feeling Grows That Truce Talks
Should Go To United Nations

Greta Garbo, on a visit to Paris, is still inseparable from her dark glasses and general air of disguise. She was recognized by a cameraman at the Carpenter Gallery during the sale of the famous Gabriel Cognac art collection.—Central Press Photo.

Move For Further Aid Cut Defeated

Washington, May 27.

The U.S. Senate today defeated a move to cut an additional \$1,000,000,000 from President Harry Truman's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid bill.

The roll call vote was 35 to 27.

Two Senate Committees had previously slashed \$1,000,000,000 from the aid funds asked by the President.

The House did its own cutting, reducing aid funds to \$9,103,000,000.

The Senate vote was on an amendment offered by Senator Herman Welker (Idaho Republican) and ten other Republicans.

It came shortly after another Idaho Republican, Senator Henry C. Dworshak, told the Senate that Mr. W. Averell Harriman, head of the Mutual Security Agency, was using the foreign aid programme to advance his own political interests.

Mr. Harriman is a candidate for Democratic Presidential nomination and has urged bi-partisan support for the full \$7,900,000,000 aid asked by Mr. Truman.

HARRIMAN ATTACKED "How can we have bi-partisan support for this programme?" Senator Dworshak asked, "when Mr. Averell Harriman spends all his time, and probably taxpayers' money, travelling over to the United States trying to build himself up as a Presidential candidate?"

Just before the second day of the debate began, Senator Frank Carlson (Republican, Kansas), one of the leaders in the Eisenhower-for-President movement, issued a statement saying he would vote to cut \$500,000,000 from the \$9,000,000,000 voted by two Senate Committees.—Associated Press.

United Press adds that Mr. Tom Connally Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, opposing the cut, said that it would be disastrous and would probably force a reconsideration of the whole defence position in Europe.

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Appeal For Orchestra

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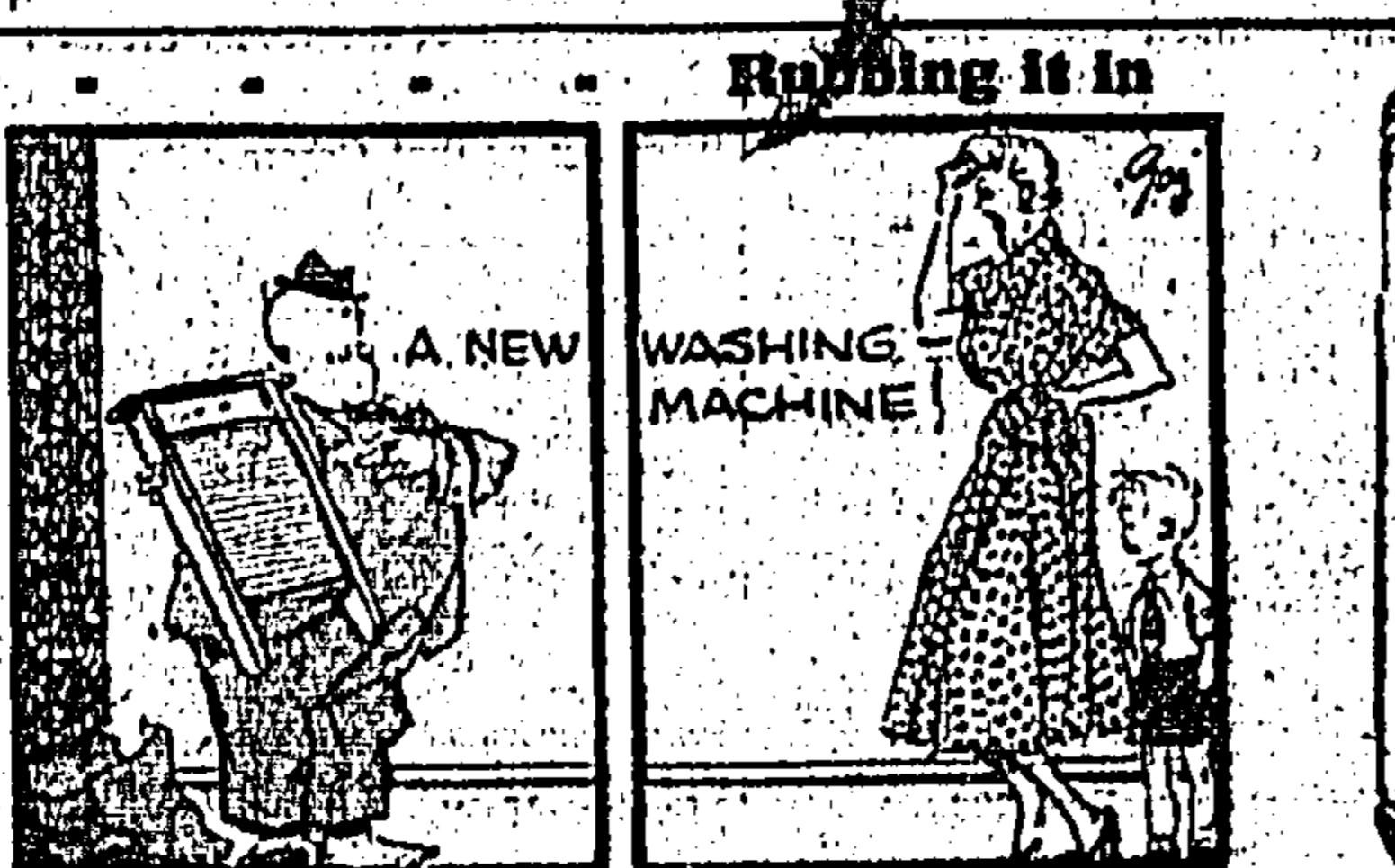
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PROMISE OF A CLEAN-UP

Washington, May 27. Mr. James P. McGranery, 50, former Federal Judge from Philadelphia, was sworn in today as Attorney-General, the nation's highest legal post.

He promised to clean up corruption in Government whatever he finds it.—Associated Press.

Rushing it in



New York, May 27. Sentiment for returning the deadlocked Korean truce talks to the United Nations for a solution of their thorny political problems appeared to be growing among delegates to the world organisation today.

Impetus has been given to the movement by General Matthew B. Ridgway who recently relinquished his post as Supreme Commander in Korea after a year in which efforts to reach agreement on peace terms proved fruitless.

Although General Ridgway dodged the issue as "entirely beyond my terms of reference" in his only public speech during his three-day visit here, he said earlier in Washington that peace could not be secured in Korea without far-reaching political decisions.

At a private luncheon attended by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie and delegates of the 22 countries with units in Korea, General Ridgway is understood to have elaborated on whether this meant that the Security Council should take over the stalled Panmunjom talks.

A feeling among leading delegates that is becoming more and more vocal is that the United Nations Korean Command has solved the military problems as well as possible under existing conditions and the political problems should be worked out in the United Nations.

These problems—including the prisoner of war issue—which have stalled the Panmunjom negotiations, could be referred to the Security Council, it is felt.

BRITISH LEAD?

But in case the Russians use the veto should prevent progress in the Security Council, the General Assembly agreed last Autumn in Paris to convolve a special session if a military truce were arranged in Korea or in the event of other developments there.

Already there have been rumblings about bringing the truce talks into the United Nations, and some reports said that Britain and Australia have been talking about such a possibility.

The latest Associated Press tabulation gives the following national delegate standings:

Republicans—Taft, 399; Eisenhower, 289; Harold Stassen, 20— with 604 needed to nominate.

Democrats—Senator Estes Kefauver, 117; W. Averell Harriman, 85.5; Russell, 60.5; with 616 needed to nominate.—Associated Press.

The first issue likely to be discussed here should be the talks to be returned to the United Nations would be the repatriation of prisoners of war.

General Ridgway said here yesterday: "The Communist demand that all prisoners of war be exchanged, forcibly if necessary, is at the root of the whole problem."

The Communists insist on a strict fulfilment of the Geneva Convention on prisoners which stipulates that all prisoners must be returned to their homeland immediately after the cessation of hostilities.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION

The United Nations contend that its screening of prisoners has shown that up to 40 per cent of them do not want to go back into Communist-controlled North Korea and China and have thus far refused to agree to the Communists insistence on forcible repatriation.

Dr. Ales Bolek, delegate from Communist Yugoslavia, which is at present aligned with the Western Powers, has offered a solution which might be brought before the United Nations—that political asylum be offered to prisoners who are reluctant to return to their Communist homelands.

"I do not think," Dr. Bolek said, "that hope for a reasonable compromise on the question of prisoners is impossible."

"It seems as though the discussions (at Panmunjom) turn only around the interpretation of the Geneva Convention which, I must say, speaks only of the repatriation of prisoners."

"But there is another point outside that Convention—namely, the admitted international principle of asylum."

"Everybody, including war prisoners, has naturally the right to ask for asylum, and every country has the right to grant

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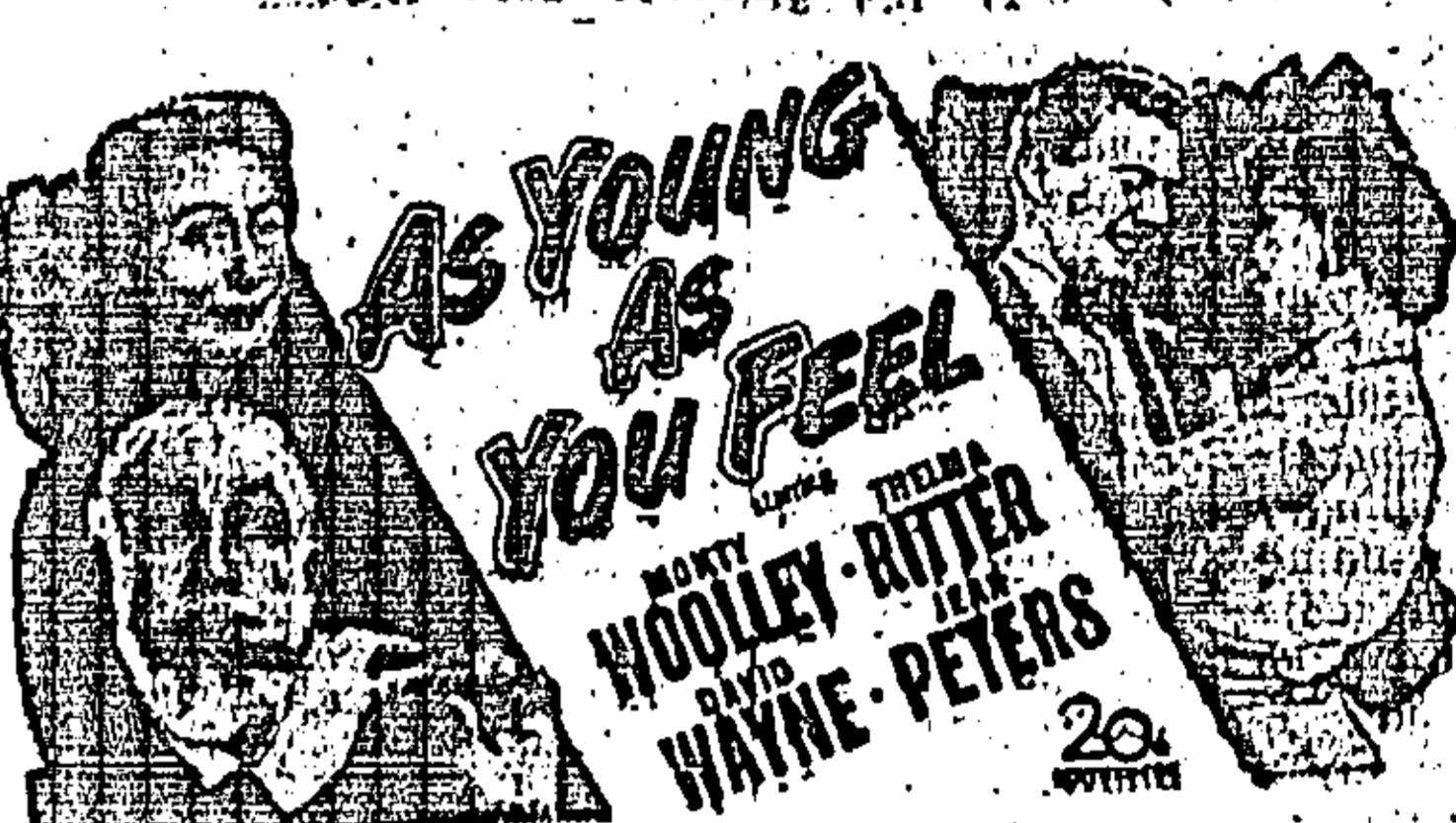
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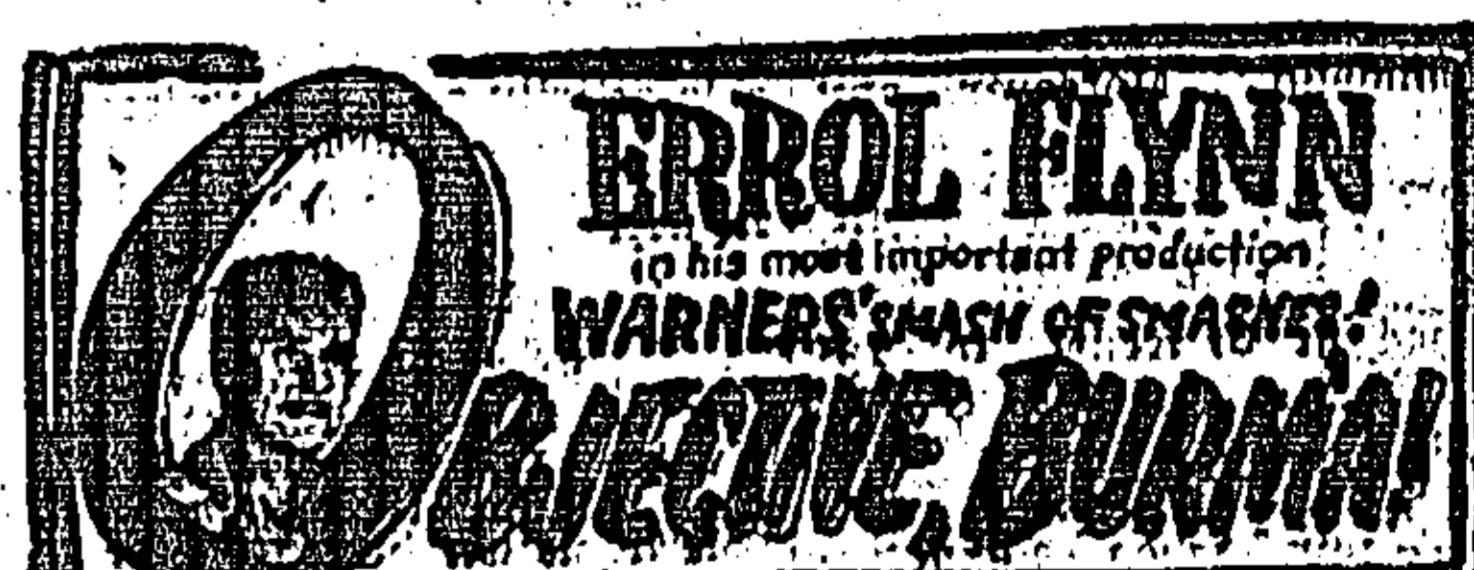
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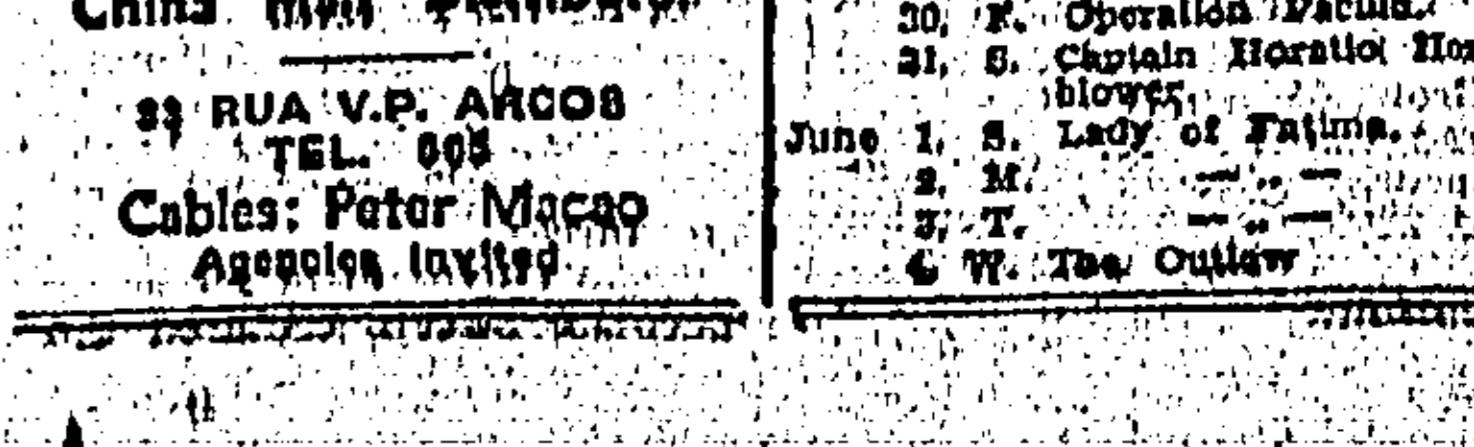
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Striking Successes Of Fascists At Italian Polls

Third Largest Force

Inquiry Into Conditions At Broadmoor

Reading, May 27. The committee inquiring into security arrangements at Broadmoor Institution concluded today with the only hearing in public.

The report is expected to be in the hands of the Minister of Health by the end of this week.

Evidence given for the largest authority, the Berkshire County Council, urged that patients should wear distinctive clothing and that there should be greater security restrictions.

Copies of resolutions from other local authorities handed in called for a public warning system of escapes and summoning of military aid.—Reuter.

BUTLER ON JAP DEBT REPAYMENT

London, May 27. The question of Japan's Sterling debt was raised in the House of Commons today when Mr Harold Davies, Labour Member of Parliament, asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Richard A. Butler, "What are the amounts of Japanese loans outstanding and what discussions have taken place with the Japanese with a view to them paying off these loans?"

Mr Butler, in a written reply, stated: "Outstanding Japanese Sterling loans, including those with options for payment in other currencies, are estimated at about £6,000,000. Arrears of interest amount to about £33,000,000.

"I am glad to say that the Japanese Government have indicated their readiness to start negotiations with bond-holders for a settlement of outstanding indebtedness."

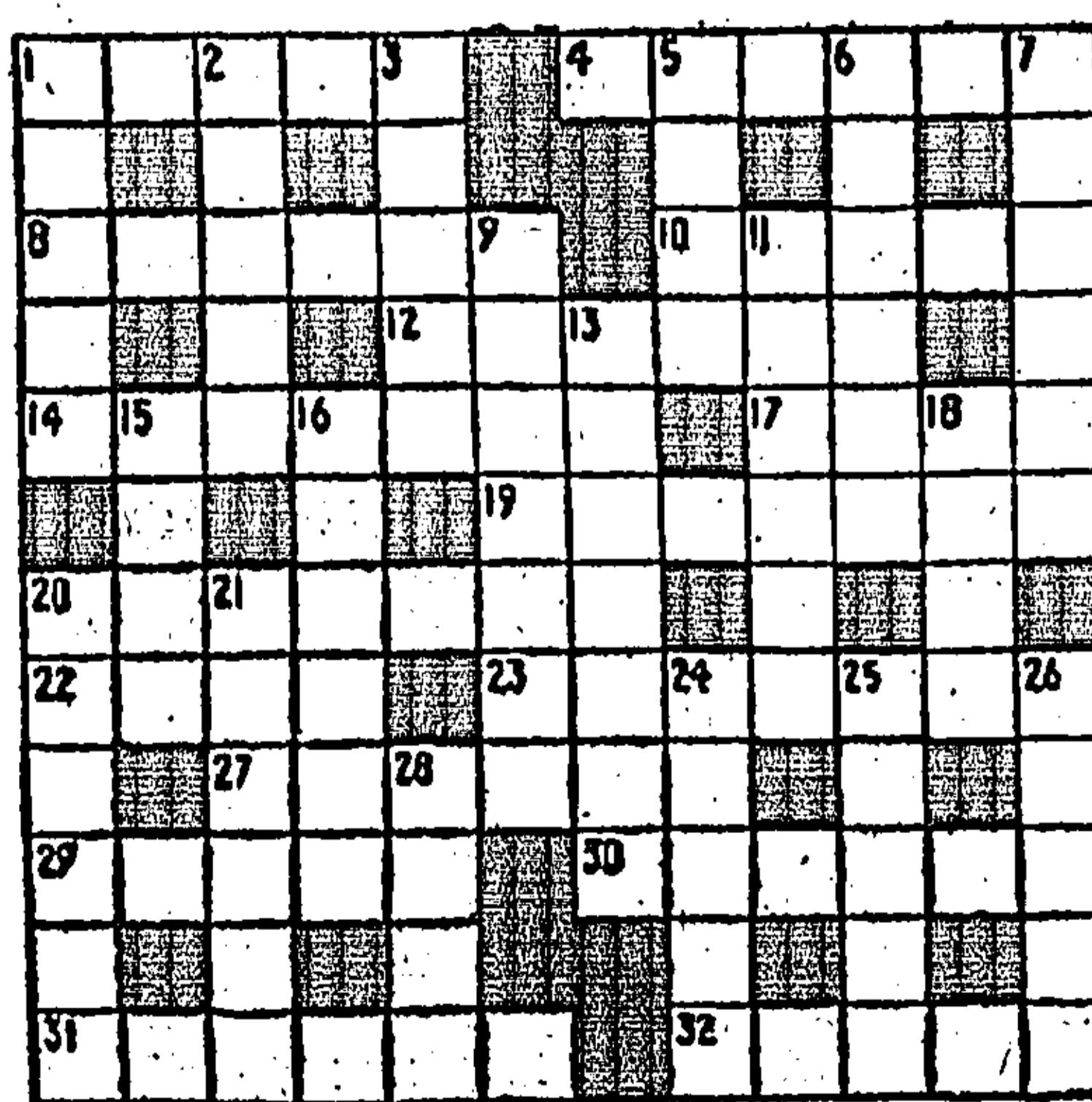
The fact that the Chancellor went out of his way to include mention of those loans having options for payment in gold or dollars, suggests that the Treasury is fully conscious of the big question that is now agitating The City.—United Press.

Sherratt Thanks America

Philadelphia, May 27. Mr Moshe Sherratt, Israeli Foreign Minister, today praised the United States for its part in aiding his country to gain its independence and settling it on the road to democratic stability.

Mr Sherratt spoke at a dinner in his honour sponsored by the local Allied-Jewish Appeal at which he was presented with a cheque for \$500,000 as an "advance to the United Jewish Appeal to help carry on its resettlement work in Israel."—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Theatrical entertainment (6).
- 4 Forms (6).
- 8 School book (6).
- 10 Tally (6).
- 12 Worry (6).
- 14 National emblem (7).
- 17 Nozzle (4).
- 18 Stirs (7).
- 20 Tumbler (7).
- 22 Pals over (4).
- 23 Mariner (6).
- 27 Protect (6).
- 29 Got up (6).
- 30 Puzzle (6).
- 31 Vessel (6).
- 32 Listom (6).
- 15 Celebration (4).
- 16 Jollification (5).
- 17 Afleck (6).
- 18 Wind (6).
- 19 Slave (6).
- 20 Prophet (6).
- 21 Assail (6).
- 22 County division (6).
- 23 Mariner (6).
- 24 Perfect (6).
- 25 Afleck (6).
- 26 Jollification (5).
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- 28 Celebration (4).

DOWN

- 1 Headquarters of regiment (5).
- 2 Flea in defence (5).
- 3 Skilful (6).
- 4 High temperature (4).
- 5 Bird (6).
- 6 Litterate (7).
- 7 Lively (6).
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

—Across: 3 Afflict, 8 Rain, 9 Resident, 11 Disputed, 13 Plead, 15 Evasive, 18 Learning, 19 Crow, 21 Assented, 25 Insolent, 29 Bill, 27 Diabolical. Down: 1 Brad, 2 Bias, 4 Fret, 5 Laid, 6 Creel, 7 Satid, 9 Rural, 10 Sepia, 12 Incur, 14 Cance, 16 Terse, 17 Creut, 19 Grind, 20 Oasis, 21 All, 22 Snug, 23 Trip, 24 Dull.

Competition For BOAC

London, May 27. The Government is to allow independent British airline companies to compete with State-owned lines in the development of new overseas scheduled services. Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, told the House of Commons that independent private enterprise companies would be granted agreements for new routes for seven-year periods, with extension to ten years in special cases.—Reuter.

Barcelona Eucharistic Congress

Barcelona, May 27. One thousand Roman Catholic pilgrims from the United States arrived here this morning on the liners Constitution and Independence to take part in the 35th International Eucharistic Congress which will be opened formally at 6 p.m. G.M.T.

The American pilgrims were joined immediately by Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York who arrived by plane last night.

Tomorrow morning Cardinal Spellman will deliver what is expected to be his major homily "Eucharist and Family Peace."

He will speak at the Eucharistic session at Barcelona's University.

More than 1,500 Americans—representing every Catholic diocese in the United States—are expected to be on hand for the opening ceremonies.

They will hear the thunder of 21 cannon at the representative of Pope Pius XII, Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, arrives in the evening to make his first public speech during his London visit.

At noon today Mr Menzies was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by representatives of the British motor industry at Claridge's.—United Press.

Tomorrow he will be the guest at a luncheon party given by the legal fraternity at Gray's Inn and is expected in the evening to make his first public speech during his London visit.

The thunder of the cannon will formally open the ceremonies.

Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from more than 30 countries have already streamed into this sunny port for the past week for the first Eucharistic Congress since 1938.

Additional thousands, delayed by transportation difficulties, are still en route.

The theme of this Congress, which will last for six days, will be "Peace and the Eucharist."

Hundreds of church dignitaries, including at least 10 Cardinals, scores of Archbishops and about 300 Bishops, will participate.

There will be approximately 15,000 priests among the clerical pilgrims.

Many of the world's prominent lay figures will be among the 200,000 Spaniards and 180,000 foreigners taking part in the Congress.

It has been estimated that more than 1,500,000 people will attend the various ceremonies.

The honoured guest in absentia at today's opening ceremony will be Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, who has been imprisoned by the Hungarian Communist Government.—United Press.

Senanayake Assured Of Victory

Ceylon, May 27. On the basis of results at the half-way point in Ceylon's national elections, Premier Dudley Senanayake appeared today to be certain to be asked to form a new Government around his leading United National Party.

With only one seat still unreported from yesterday's polling Mr Senanayake's Party held 31 seats—more than any other single party can seat if all their candidates in the remaining two days' polling should win.

Here was the line-up on the basis of all but two returns:

United National Party 31; Tamil Congress Party (which supports the Government) two; Freedom Party five; Communist Party one; Federalist (anti-Government) one; Independents seven.

Some of these Independents will follow the 41-year-old bachelor Prime Minister, whose supporters claim that he may still control nearly 60 votes in Ceylon's 100-member Parliament.—Associated Press.

The points of difference remain, but I am still hopeful that we shall in due course succeed in reaching a satisfactory settlement.—Reuter.

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DEFENCE ISSUES PREDOMINATE IN MENZIES VISIT

London, May 27. The Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, presided when Mr Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, resumed his defence and foreign affairs talks with British Ministers at No. 10 Downing Street this afternoon.

Officials have made no effort to conceal the fact that defence dominates the whole of the planned discussions which Mr Menzies is cramming in between official functions and receptions.

Events in South-East Asia are said to be vitally affecting Australian defence plans and it is questionable whether in the event of another world war, Australian forces would be available in strength for overseas service.

Mr Menzies, however, is said to be showing important interest in the projected Midland East Command where Australia has already allocated a fighter wing of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Before making any definite commitments, however, Mr Menzies is understood to be seeking a more clearly defined United Nations strategic policy in South-East Asia and closer liaison with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Mr Menzies is to attend an official reception given by the High Commissioner, Sir Thomas White, at Australia House this evening.

Later tonight he will have further talks with British Ministers in his own room.

Tomorrow morning Cardinal Spellman will deliver what is expected to be his major homily "Eucharist and Family Peace."

He will speak at the Eucharistic session at Barcelona's University.

The thunder of the cannon will formally open the ceremonies.

TO VISIT PARIS

Paris, May 27. The Australian Premier, Mr R. G. Menzies, will visit Paris from June 11 to 13.

The Australian Embassy said that Mr Menzies would call on President Auriol and would also confer with members of the French Cabinet on problems of interest to both countries.—France-Press.

RUMOURS OF OIL DEAL

Teheran, May 27. United States and Iranian authorities know nothing of a reported five-year deal between Persia and American oil firms for the purchase of 3,000,000 tons of aviation fuel.

The agreement was reported on Monday night by the semi-official newspaper Bakhtiar Enrooz.

(American Embassy officials said they would probably have been informed if any agreement had been signed, but they did not deny the possibility of such a deal. A senior official of the National Persian Oil Company said he knew nothing about it).—Associated Press.

It was not considered discriminatory in view of the existing international tension and West Germany being in a strategically exposed position.

Also affected are biological and chemical weapons, naval vessels over 1,500 tons and military aircraft.—United Press and Reuters.

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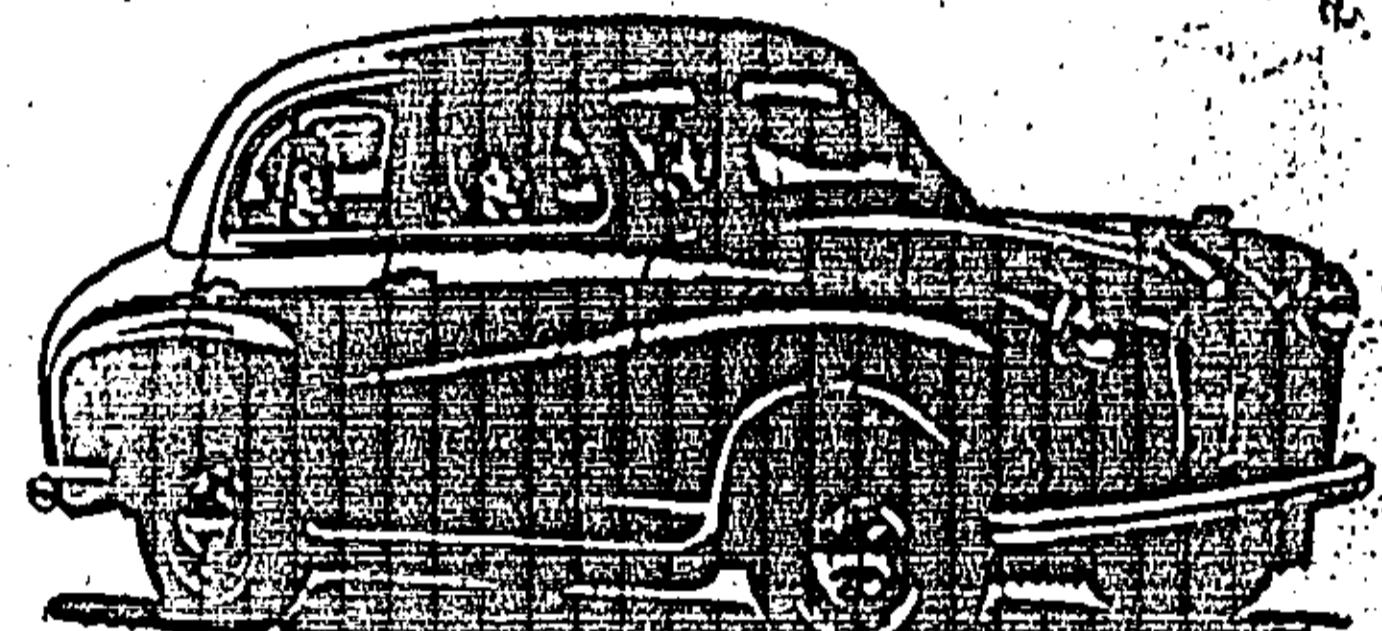
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THEY ESCAPED FROM PRISON CAMP TO CLIMB A MOUNTAIN

By HAZEL MAY

BOOKS about expeditions—preferably the kind with the maximum of risk and the minimum of preparation—have rocketed to best-seller level.

Perhaps it is because we seek to gain the thrills of another's hazard from the safety of our own armchair. Perhaps we have the urge to see the world's wide vistas but lack the will to quit our encompassed comforts.

At any rate, a London columnist has remarked that the members of the Shipton expedition were pursued almost to the 20,000-foot hut by publishers' representatives anxious to secure the rights of any book on their latest attempt. Remarking that their eagerness was mainly prompted by the phenomenal popularity of "The Kon-Tiki Expedition," he suggested that publishers might give their unsuccessful authors something to write about if they floated them down the Amazon in tins....

Few Facts

FOR a map they had only the label from an Oxo tin, with a crude sketch of the mountain. And all they knew about the mountain were the few bare facts they had culled from magazine articles and a book on African tribal history.

Never had an expedition set off with so little chance of success.

Early in the trip the trio realised they were "up against it." And, looking back, the writer pauses to wonder at their temerity:

Jungle Life

"We had had no climbing practice for eight years, had been prisoners of war for the past two, and had had little to eat and little sleep since our escape. Since then we had been crushed beneath the weight of our rucksacks and, finally, we had to start our actual attempt on the summit from a base camp which was low and too far away from the peak. Yet we attempted, under winter conditions, a climb which Shipton and Tilman, accomplished mountaineers, had considered hopeless even in summer. Shipton and Tilman were presumably in hard condition, well fed and well served with porters—in a word, free men. We were not and did not know—that is our only excuse."

Sole Purpose

NOW here is another expedition book about the most unconventional assault on Mount Kenya that has ever been made.

Truthfully entitled "No Picnic On Mount Kenya" it is written by a young Italian, Felice Benuzzi, now Italian Vice-Consul in Brisbane, who led an escape from a prisoner-of-war camp in Kenya during the last war—for the sole purpose of climbing the mountain. At the end of the expedition he and his two companions broke into the camp from which they had escaped a few days before, and gave themselves up to the Commandant.

The attempt on Mount Kenya was made despite every handicap. Benuzzi first suggested the prison break and the expedition to a professional mountaineer who was a fellow-prisoner. The expert told him that the idea was mad, that they would need six months' training on first-class food, and porters to carry equipment to a base camp.

But Benuzzi was not disengaged. He eventually found two companions for the climb, a doctor and a sailor, neither of them experienced mountaineers.

They patiently collected a few rations for the trip and laboriously manufactured take you with him every yard

Food Ran Out

CHAPMAN PINCHER'S Column

tells how to pick tomorrow's thugs from today's innocent children

WITH this five-point chart psychologists

claim they can predict an

innocent child's chances of

becoming a gangster or a

good citizen. They believe

their forecasts will be right

in at least eight cases out

of every ten.

They are so confident of the

test's reliability in spotting the

future criminal before it is too

late

that they are urging its

adoption as a routine "screening

test" for all children when they

start school.

The potential thugs, thieves,

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O JACOBY
ON BRIDGEFollow This Rule For
No-Trump Play

NORTH	6		
AK52			
VK60			
AK10			
AKJ73			
WEST	6		
♦J10984	63		
♦Q104	672		
♦Q52	♦A93		
♦Q54	♦Q1096		
SOUTH (D)			
♦A97			
♦A93			
♦J9874			
♦A52			
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—A J			

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHICH suit should you try to develop when you are playing a hand at no-trump? The longest suit? The strongest suit?

There is no easy answer to the question, but one of the guiding principles is illustrated in today's hand.

West opened the Jack of spades, and South counted up his tricks. He could take three spades and two top hearts. Four tricks had to be developed in clubs and diamonds. The two clubs were equally long, two cards opposite a doubleton. Clubs, however, were stronger, so South decided to no-trump four club tricks.

Declarer won the first spade in his own hand to lead a club. The diamond club Jack was led, East and West was unkind enough to return a heart.

Now South discovered that there was only one diamond available needed a diamond for his ninth trick, but East had time to knock out the other top heart and take two clubs, two diamonds, and two hearts.

South went down two tricks because he started on the wrong suit. The clubs were stronger, but the diamonds, but the diamonds were more solid. South could afford to give away two diamond tricks and to make the other three tricks.

In those three tricks plus the two top clubs would give him ample tricks for no-trump.

Current play is to win the opening lead with dummy's King of spades at once. East can take the ace of clubs and return the King of diamonds, the King of diamonds is led from dummy's King. Now the ten of diamonds is led from dummy to knock out East's Queen, and South is left to win ten tricks without a struggle.

JACOBY'S
CARD Sense

Q—With both sides, vulnerable, the bidding has been... vulnerable, North East South West

1 N.T. Double

You, South, hold: Spades Q-3-2, Hearts Q-3-2, Diamonds K-4-3, Clubs Q-2-1. What do you do?

A—Re-double. If the opening bid and the double are both sound, your hand contains the rest of the high cards and you are safe. West may contain about one Jack or one Queen, but no more.

You can probably defeat any contract, but you are not able to make a game of your own. The re-double notifies your partner that you are willing to double the opponents and you will not to let them off the hook.

TODAY'S QUESTION

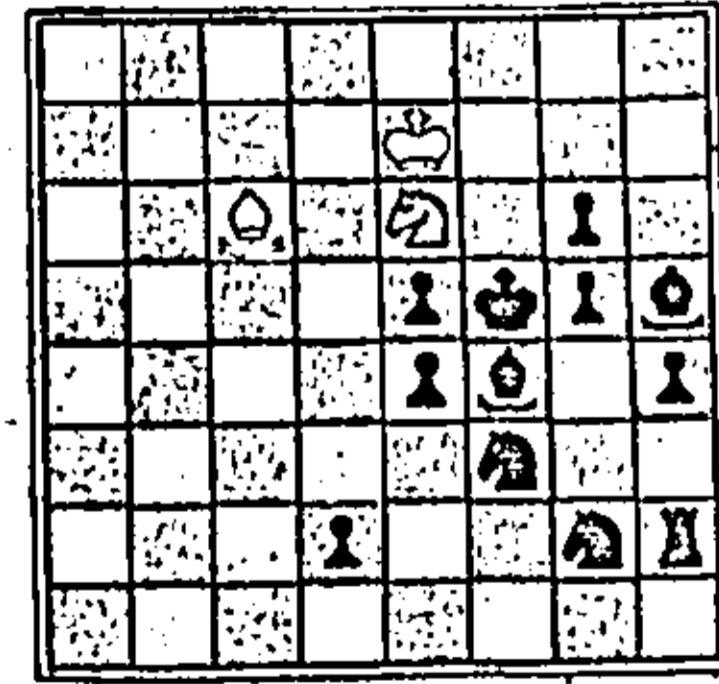
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-3-2, Hearts Q-3-2, Diamonds K-4-3, Clubs Q-2-1. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. BOSWELL
(BCF Tourney 65)

Black, 12 pieces.

White, 3 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R—K1K5; any; 2. Q, R, B, or
Kt mates.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

A TRIP TO
MUFFTOWN

By T. O. HARE

Sir PUSHAM ABDYNDRE, of the Puffin Inn, Mufftown, sent much thought to his plan for making the trip to Mufftown arranged for him delegates to the International Congress of Baby Sisters. "The party will go by train," he announced. "There will be three trains, each of 9 coaches, and there will be 21 delegates in each train."

He was somewhat puzzled, but when, after all this organization, he was told that 112 sisters would be added to the party, "We can just add another 21," said Sir Puffin.

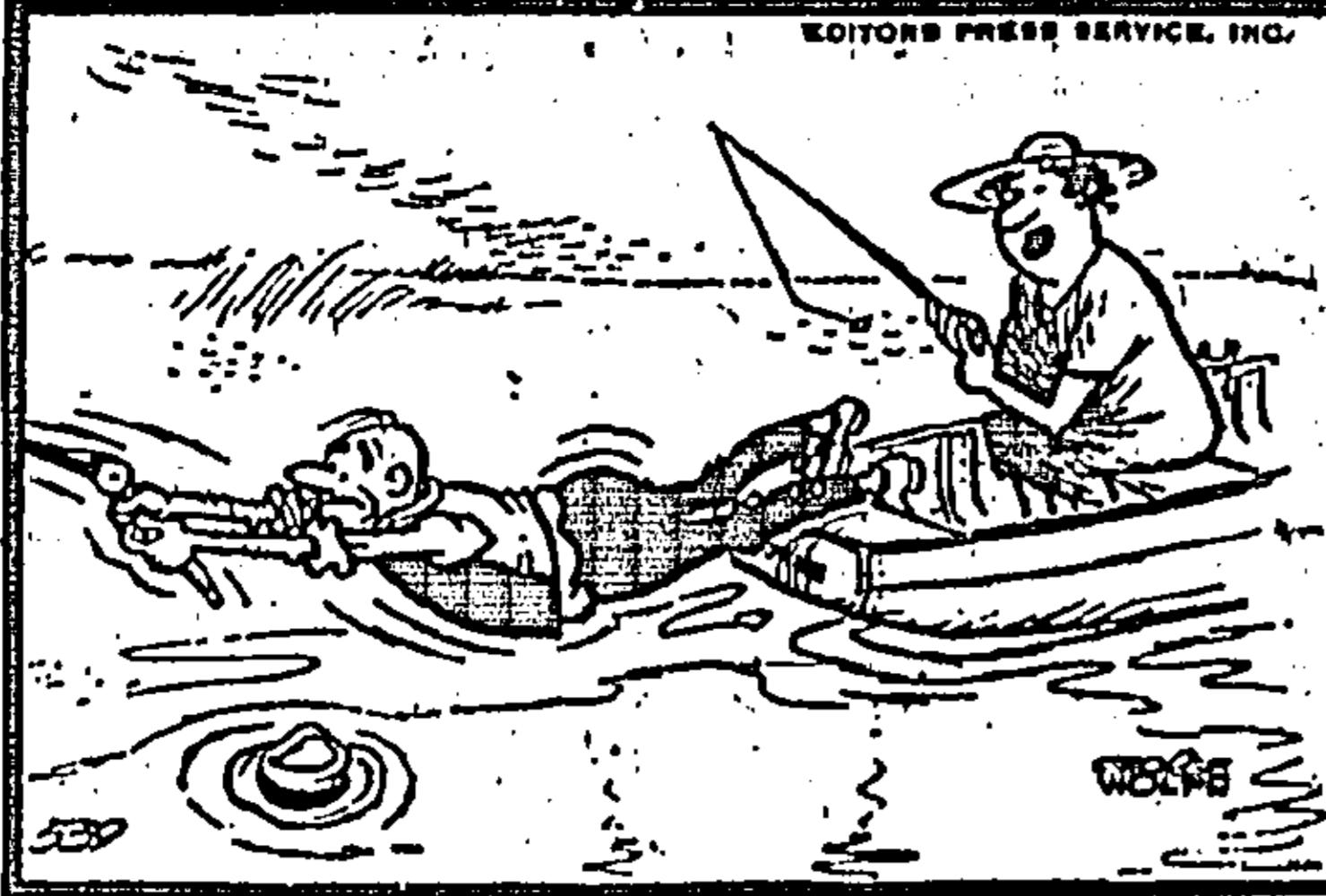
"Four coaches, with 28 sisters in each," said Sir Puffin.

"Well, do nothing of the sort," Mabel," said Sir Puffin, "but I would create many bad tempers if I insisted on having the same number of coaches in each train, and the number of sisters in each coach."

"Okay, Chief," said Mabel.

How many trains went to Mufftown?

(Solution on Page 10)



"I think you've played him enough, dear—perhaps you'd better reel him in now!"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

"It was believed," says a shorthand to each other. If they are in love, the evidence of their handwriting that they are in love, the man who has been declared null and void. It is, on the other hand, by some strange chance they are happy in spite of their handwriting, the Government would have power to give each to develop a new style of handwriting under expert tutelage, and to report twice weekly to the Regional Psychologist.

Hospitality—and

something more

Mr Sutton, may I request your plate for a second portion of the dessert pie? This is Liberty Hall, the half price is 10s. I will give you a small extra as fastidious or nerabia with tomorrow's breakfast, please enter their names in book letters in the catering book in the lounge?

This is a typical maritime conversation of Mrs McGurk's on the subject of a happy home atmosphere of ease and harmony which makes that noted house, a home from home.

(Advt.)

TALKING of marriage, I see

that someone is claiming that the couple should be able to judge the chances of a happy marriage by studying each other's handwriting. Those

who are too busy to write letters

should submit a line or two of

their handwriting to each other. If they are in love, the evidence of their handwriting that they are in love, the man who has been declared null and void.

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One good idea, ideal for a

one room apartment or for a very long or big room, is a room-divider piece made up of desk, chest and shelf space.

Clever, too, is a brand-new idea

—a buffet on wheels, for all the

world like a tea wagon.

In a clever group of settings,

eye appeal is obtained through wall treatments that are

effective yet inexpensive, stressing colour, texture and pattern. In

a colonial bedroom, the white-washed paint is literally textured in a combed effect by the

use of plaster paint. We over-

heard one viewer say that this

would be a swell way to treat a deep soft gray-green that has

old cracked walls. We think so, too!

Striking Walls

Then in a modern bedroom,

the fibre floor covering is

used to cover two walls, making

for a simple, inexpensive but

striking way of doing walls. All

it needs is a hammer and tacks.

Colour plays a stirring role

in a series of dining-living rooms. In one setting, walls are

done in a brick shade—a

warm burnt orange tone that

makes a charming background for

sectional, wood-framed chairs done in a tweed tone with

black. A dining table pulls out

of a wall unit, and is decked

with a chartreuse cloth, with

napkins and textured dinnerware that pick up the brick

tone.

In another setting, the floor

covering and the walls that has

old cracked walls. We think so, too!

Accessories

Harmonica

In all the settings, the ac-

cessories have been chosen

to tone with colour scheme,

from ashtrays through lamps to

pictures, and because of the

colours used, the effect is never

"set" or seemingly decorat-

ed, but warm and happily

livable.

The dress called after Mr

Pinay was typical of the whole

summer collection. It was navy

with a full, stiffened organza

skirt, floating and full like the

1947 "new look" (remember it?

It created a new name that of

Christian Dior). With the dress

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AMERICA HAS A VERY ROCKY ROAD AHEAD OF HER IN DAVIS CUP TENNIS

America has a very rocky road ahead of her in Davis Cup tennis in 1952, but recovery of the Cup from Australia is by no means impossible. Here is a sort of balance sheet for American tennis:

Thomas Cup U.S. LEADS INDIA 3-1

Singapore, May 27. The United States took a 3-1 lead over India in the four badminton matches played today to decide who will challenge Malaya, holders of the Thomas Cup.

Results of the first day's matches follow:

Davinder Mohan (India) beat Dick Mitchell 12-15, 17-10, 15-1.

T.N. Seth (India) lost to Marten Mendez 11-15, 1-15.

Mohan and Henry Ferrela (India) lost to Wynne Rogers and Joe Alston 12-15, 8-15.

Seth and Manoj Jhunjhunwala (India) lost to Carl Loveday and Bob Williams 11-15, 0-15.

The remaining five games—three singles and two doubles—will be played tomorrow. Reuter.

TODAY'S SPORT

Lawn Bowls

1st Division.—Club de Recreio v. Cricket Club at 4 p.m. 2nd Division.—Club de Recreio v. Filipino Club at 5.30 p.m. Meetings

Half Yearly Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club at 5 p.m. Hongkong Hockey Club Meeting at HKCC 5.30 p.m.

HARD GOING LIKELY IN THE DERBY

Epsom, May 27. A new check on the tightest ever security precautions for Wednesday's Derby was made at Epsom stables today, where runners spent the night.

There will be 34 starters, equalling the record field from which Caractacus won in 1862.

Final Calloover On The Derby

London, May 27. Twenty-two of the 34 probables for tomorrow's Epsom Derby were called at the Victoria Club, London, tonight.

There was a shortening of odds all round and Marcel Boussac's Argur is now a clear second favourite at eight to one. He was 10 to one last night.

Silnet, the favourite, eased half a point to 15 to two but his stablemate, the 2,000 Guineas Winner, Thunderhead, shortened one point to nine to one.

The best-backed horse was Canadian-owned, Indian Hemp, and was supported to win £23,000. He closed up at 25 to one, this being a cut of eight points from last night's offer.

Next to Indian Hemp, most support was for American-owned Warden II who closed at 100 to eight after being supported to win £18,000.

Although business was not as heavy as at yesterday's calloover, the 22 horses were backed to win a total of over £100,000.

FINAL QUOTATIONS

Prices quoted at the final calloover were as follows:

15 to 2 Silnet.

8 to 1 Argur.

9 to 1 Thunderhead II.

100 to 8 Warden II, Gay Time and Torcross.

22 to 1 Pestman's Path and Marsyad.

25 to 1 Indian Hemp.

28 to 1 Monarch More.

33 to 1 La Varende and Ararat.

40 to 1 Chavey Down and H.V.C.

50 to 1 Khor Moussai, Sumner Rail and Kurn Tepe.

66 to 1 Speechmaker and Gold Buccaneer.

100 to 1 Upwards Others.

Reuter.

34 PROBABLES

London, May 27. There are 34 probable runners for the Derby to be run over one mile four furlongs at Epsom tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. EST.

Olari has been scratched and Green Signal is not likely to run. Otherwise the probables and their jockeys are identical with the list already published.

—Reuter.

Debil.—The USA has no non-playing captain. Frank Shields quit after one year and no one else seems to want the job. It was offered to Don McNeill but his business won't permit acceptance.

Ted Schroeder is a possibility but it generally is agreed that the players would not care for him, since there was some resentment of his selection as a 1951 player.

Nor does the US have a "take-charge" singles player such as Don Budge or Jack Kramer or Australia's Frank Sedgman. Vic Seixas is ranked first and Dick Savitt second. Neither has been impressive in early tournaments so far.

Thirty-eight year old Gardner Mulloy beat Seixas recently, and Savitt was beaten by Gustavo Palfox of Mexico, who holds no world ranking.

America must develop a doubles team, too. Shields used several combinations last year, and many experts thought it would have been better to choose one and stick with it.

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New York, May 27.

America has a very rocky road ahead of her in Davis Cup tennis in 1952, but

recovery of the Cup from Australia is by no means impossible.

Here is a sort of balance sheet for American tennis:

Debil.—The USA has no non-playing captain. Frank Shields quit after one year and no one else seems to want the job. It was offered to Don McNeill but his business won't permit acceptance.

Ted Schroeder is a possibility but it generally is agreed that the players would not care for him, since there was some resentment of his selection as a 1951 player.

Nor does the US have a "take-charge" singles player such as Don Budge or Jack Kramer or Australia's Frank Sedgman. Vic Seixas is ranked first and Dick Savitt second. Neither has been impressive in early tournaments so far.

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Savitt has done well against McGregor. In doubles, America faces a real task—the Sedgman-McGregor team won all the major world titles in 1951.

Also on the credit side America apparently does not face a serious threat from Europe. In the inter-zone final, Sweden's team collapsed into a 5-0 defeat in 1951 and no other European zone team seems to have much strength.

Arlie M. M., Jr., chairman of the USA Davis Cup committee and may have to take over as non-playing manager.

—United Press.

LEAGUE TENNIS

Ladies' Recreation Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club 7-2. In the Men's "B" Division tennis league yesterday, in the Ladies' "B" Division, LRC "2" drew with LRC "1".

G. Sall and K. Greene (LRC) beat S. Kermani and H. da Silva 6-2; beat J. Lerion and A. V. White 6-2; lost to N. Leonard and Fenton 6-2. V. V. V. and N. Leonard beat Kermani and Silva 7-5; beat Lerion and White 6-4; beat Leonard and Fenton 6-4; beat Stuckey and Kermani and Silva 6-2; lost to Lerion and White 7-5; beat Leonard and Fenton 6-1.

G. Sall and K. Greene (LRC) "2" beat Mrs Storey and Miss Skinner 6-3; beat Mrs Chalmers and Mrs Watson 6-4; beat Mrs Ayres and Mrs Flynn 6-3; beat Mrs MacFee and Miss Houslin 6-2; drew with Mrs Chalmers and Mrs Flynn 6-6; beat Mrs Ayres and Mrs Prophet 6-3.

Mrs Bonham-Carter and Mrs Prentiss lost to Mrs Storey and Miss Skinner 6-3; beat Mrs Chalmers and Mrs Watson 6-2; lost to Mrs Chalmers and Mrs Ayres 6-2; lost to Mrs Prophet 6-0.

Mrs P. Fung and Miss P. Dhabher lost to Miss L. Coxall and Mrs V. F. L. 6-4; lost to Mrs W. Flynn and Miss Low 6-5; lost to Miss P. Flynn and Miss da Silva 6-6.

KCC beat CCC

Kowloon CC beat Cragengow in the Men's "B" Division, 7-2. In the Ladies' "B" Division, Mrs H. Baker and Miss D. Chang (CCC) lost to Miss L. Coxall and Mrs V. Hill 4-6; lost to Mrs W. Flynn and Miss L. Coxall 6-4; lost to Miss P. Flynn and Miss da Silva 6-6.

Miss S. Corres and Miss H. Current lost to Miss L. Coxall and Mrs V. Hill 6-4; lost to Mrs W. Flynn and Miss L. Coxall 6-4; lost to Miss P. Flynn and Miss da Silva 6-6.

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—United Press.

England "B" Team May Play Here

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The England "B" soccer team may be seen in Hongkong, Singapore, and India at the end of the next English soccer season, says a report in the London evening paper, the Star, tonight.

Mr Jack Skinner, Chairman of the Hongkong FA, is responsible for the idea. He is at present in London where he will have preliminary talks with the English FA Secretary, Sir Stanley Rous, on his return from the Continent.

Mr Skinner's scheme has been inspired by the successful Far East tour of Hendon last season and of the Athlone League team in recent weeks.

He wants the England "B" team to play six games in India, three in Singapore and three in Hongkong.

Queen's Park To Give Players Another Chance

London, May 27. Queen's Park Rangers, relegated at the end of the season, intend giving a chance to the same players to help get back to the Second Division.

The list issued today shows that 32 players have been retained, five of whom are in the Services. All regular men remain with the club, and only McKay, Stevens, Jordan, and Adams are not being retained.

Players have stated that they are inviting applications for the post of manager or player-manager to succeed Dave Mangnall, retd.

The result is, of course, that young jockeys allow their attention to be centred on the next jump ahead instead of

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That means nice long location trips for Clark Gable, Gene Kelly, Errol Flynn, Lex (Tarzan) Barker, and Arlene Dahl.

They will all be working in France, Britain, Italy, and Africa in the next few months. Some of them will be doing two films while they are away from Hollywood.

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CLAP HANDS

THE CERTAIN WAY to success with a song today is to get people to clap their hands in a one-to-one beat. "Roving Kind" and "Truly, Truly Fair," started the fashion, and now everyone is getting in the act.

The unconventional Jean Arthur disappeared into a taxi, still politely declining to pose for her picture; the private wish of a girl who used to be a photo-grapher's model.

TAX HOLIDAY

TRAVEL broadens the mind—and eases the income tax.

A new ruling in America gives an "income tax holiday" to anyone living away from America for 18 months on end.

It has come at the right time for Hollywood which is rapidly increasing the number of films being made outside the studios.

INCIDENTALLY—

SHAW-BUSINESS talk of the week: The Duke of Edinburgh's wish to have a cinema built for the Queen and himself at Buckingham Palace. A possible site—the disused chapel . . . • "Blue Lamp" script-writer "Tibby" Clarke's description of the star he wants for his new film, "The Thirteenth Thunderbolt." "A gay, happy-looking railway train." • Twenty-

stone Burl Ives, American ballad singer, wearing a kilt off-stage because "for a man of my proportions it offers extreme comfort." • Maurice Evans' (Silvan) in the "Gilbert and Sullivan" film having his dinner jacket flown from New York for the British Film Academy award ceremony. He makes the presentation . . . • Diana Dors, established as a revue success, drives to the theatre every night in a Rolls-Royce. Her own, too....

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE MAY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Wednesday, 28th May 1952, at 5.45 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,

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Hong Kong, 12th May, 1952.

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

Plans For Middle East Defence Being Finalised

London, May 27.

Western plans for setting up a peacetime land, sea and air command in the Middle East, put into cold storage pending the outcome of Britain's negotiations with Egypt, will soon take a more positive form.

The intention of the British, French, United States and Turkish Governments to establish a command structure for the area was announced last year. It was followed by declarations from the Australian, New Zealand and South African Governments to associate themselves with the command.

The statement of intention was accompanied by an invitation to the Egyptian Government to become a founder member of the organization.

The Wafid Government, since evicted by King Farouk, rejected the proposal on the grounds that it would give Egypt to foreign powers and would thwart the Egyptian people's national aspirations for ridding their soil of foreign troops.

But in the hope that further Anglo-Egyptian negotiations for revising the 1936 Treaty providing for the maintenance of the British military base in the Suez Canal Zone would be more fruitful, the Allied plans were held over.

Allied military thinking has always regarded the Canal Zone as the natural pivot for defensive action in the Middle East, and every British proposal to Egypt on the evacuation of the Suez garrison has assumed that the base would be available to the Western Allies in the event of a third world-war.

CYPRUS CHOSEN?

Now that prospects of early Egyptian co-operation appear remote, the Allied nations believe that preparations must be made to establish the Headquarters elsewhere. Official sources maintain strict secrecy on this point, but all indications point to Britain's island colony of Cyprus as the probable site.

But a decision on the location of the Allied Headquarters — Reuter.

The general basis of the Headquarters links are already agreed. The Command will not be an Atlantic Pact organ, but will be responsible in its military operations to the Atlantic Treaty Organization's top permanent military body, the Standing Group in Washington.

Political liaison with the non-Atlantic Pact members—at present Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—is expected to be maintained through a non-military body established at the Headquarters. It has not been finally decided where the Regional Planning Group will work.

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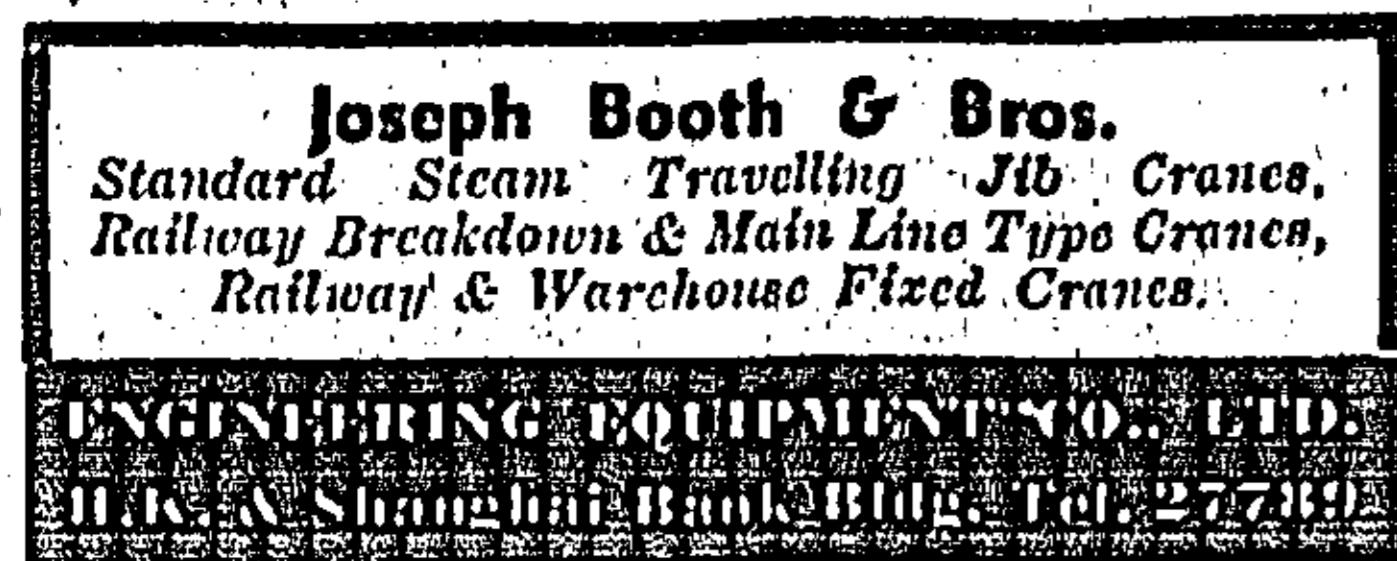
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1952.

YOUR BEST
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ITALY RECOVERS HER WAR-TIME SHIPPING LOSSES

Rome, May 27.

War cost Italy 90 per cent of her merchant marine but today her mercantile fleet again is seventh largest in the world with 3,363,118 tons.

Italy's total merchant shipping tonnage by 1941 had reached the 3,000,000 mark. Then war reduced it to 371,000 tons by September, 1945, according to the Ministry of Merchant Marine.

The shipping industry received a needed shot in the arm in 1949 when the government granted a large subsidy of 34,000,000,000 Lire (about \$54,400,000) to Italian shipyards.

S. KOREA SITUATION DISCUSSED

Munsan, May 27.

The UN Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea today conferred with President Syngman Rhee on the political situation in South Korea.

An official release from UNCURK headquarters here said the UN Commission "is closely following political events in Korea" and conferred with President Rhee on "this subject."

But the release did not disclose any details of the meeting.

The Commission said it has been holding a series of meetings since yesterday to discuss the political developments in Korea.

The discussion apparently involved the arrest of several National Assemblymen which followed the proclamation of an emergency martial law on Sunday.

SECRET FUNDS

A South Korean government spokesman said yesterday that the Reds were sending "secret operational funds" into the Republic of Korea and that "several National Assemblymen were involved."

No official comment was made by the UNCURK representatives.

However, a source close to UNCURK here said they had expressed "deep concern" about the situation.

The Commission said it met this morning with Major-General Won Yong-duk, Martial Law Commander in the Pusan district. The General's report was not disclosed.

UNCURK is charged with following closely the development of democratic institutions in Korea. It was established on October 7, 1950. — Associated Press.

Legionnaires Repatriated

Singapore, May 28. Three German deserters from the French Foreign Legion have left Singapore in the Portuguese ship India for Hamburg, after detention in prison here for the past six months.

The Three Legionnaires—H. Ronde, 28-year-old steel moulder, R. Schulz, 22, bricklayer, and W. Schulz, 26, miner—made a dramatic bid for freedom last year, when they jumped overboard from their Indo-China-bound trooper Geradmer in Singapore waters.

After two hours in the water, they were rescued and brought to Singapore.

They said the treatment they received from the local authorities, even while in the remand prison, was "very kind." It contrasted with their life in the Legion.

The three hope to find jobs in Western Germany. — Reuter.

REDS RAID USIS OFFICE

Bordeaux, May 27. Communist demonstrators broke into the United States Information Service library hero tonight and tore up books and pamphlets in protest against General Matthey Ridgway and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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Police dispersed the demonstrators. There were no casualties. — United Press.

Queen Visits Chelsea Flower Show



A happy, smiling picture of Queen Elizabeth and her husband the Duke of Edinburgh (second from right), at the famous Chelsea Flower Show in London last week. — London Express.

Australia's Nest Of Traitors

Canberra, May 27. There is "a small but extremely dangerous nest of traitors" in the Australian civil service, Mr Richard Casey, External Affairs Minister, said today.

He said the Government had started a probe into the leakage over the Treaty of Commerce, Friendship and Shipping with the United States.

Despite several destructive wars, figures show that Italian shipping tonnage has more than tripled in the past 70 years.

In 1881, the Italian merchant marine consisted of a million tons. Fifteen years later the tonnage had dropped to 800,000 tons. By 1931 the total tonnage had risen to 2,200,000 tons. It reached the 3,000,000 mark 10 years later only to drop to the low point of 371,000 tons at the end of World War II.

Of the total tonnage afloat, 50 per cent is less than 10 years old. Italian figures say England leads the world in total tonnage of merchant ships with 22,000,000 tons. The United States follows with 13,000,000, then Norway with 7,500,000; Panama with 5,000,000; Holland with 3,070,000; France with 3,600,000, and Italy with 3,363,188. — Associated Press.

Russian Envoy Leaving

London, May 27. The Soviet Ambassador in London, M. Georgi Zarubin, is leaving his present office and returning to Moscow early next month, an Embassy source told today.

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CLEARING FRONTIER SITES

(Continued from Page 1)

that no shots were fired at anyone, but the investigation was continuing.

An Army spokesman said unnecessary firing of weapons by American GIs along the border was an offence "definitely punishable by court martial."

One source said approximately 15 shots were fired, but neither the German nor the American authorities could confirm this figure. All sources agreed that there was no firing at anybody in particular on either side of the border. — United Press.

Businessmen To Advise Govt

Singapore, May 27. The three Chambers of Commerce in Singapore are to form an Association of Chambers of Commerce to maintain close contact with the government and give advice on trade matters.

The association, it is stated, will not encroach on the individual functions of the three Chambers.

The Chambers are the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, which embodies European business firms, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Associated Press.

Boatner Overhauls His Staff

Koje Island, May 28. Brigadier-General H. L. Boatner personally completed overhauling yesterday (Tuesday) of the top level of the External Affairs Department in mid-1950, and since the draft was not printed until late in 1951 Mr. Casey said he did not think the "gentleman in question" had been responsible.

Mr. Casey added that the leakage of information was not so important in this case. — Reuter.

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Tried To Sell Hospital Chits

Instead of collecting \$3 each for two medical treatment chits for Kowloon Hospital Clinic on May 27, Leung Fun, a 35-year-old female, collected a \$100 fine with the option of one month from Mr. K. Y. Yung at Kowloon Court this morning.

The prosecution said that Leung was seen outside the Clinic selling the chits to two Chinese females on May 27.

MR. D. S. HILL'S ACCIDENT

Mr. D. S. Hill, a director of Relis, Bradley and Co., Ltd., was knocked down by a taxi in Rome on May 13 and suffered a fractured thigh-bone.

Mr. Hill was going to a Rotary dinner when the accident occurred.

He was taken to San Giacomo Hospital in Augusta where he is expected to be for about 40 days.

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. R. B. Black, paid his first visit to the Central Magistracy this morning since his arrival in the Colony some months ago. He was accompanied by Mr. R. W. S. Winter, Supreme Court Registrar, Mr. James Weicks (First Kowloon Magistrate), Mr. Poole Yan-hol, Mr. Hin-shing Lo and Mr. Thomas Tam, (Central Magistrates), and Mr. Kong Man-tsun, First Clerk.

Mr. Black, who was shown around the premises, spoke and shook hands with some of the members of the Court staff.

Sedition Trial Appeal: The Crown Replies

Further legal argument in answer to submissions by Counsel for the proprietor-publisher and editor of the Ta Kung Pao, well-known Chinese daily newspaper, was made this morning before the Full Court of Appeal by Mr. A. Hooton, Acting Solicitor-General.

The Ta Kung Pao is appealing against its conviction on a charge of sedition.

Both appellants were found guilty on May 5 by a Special Jury after a fifteen-day trial on a charge of publishing a seditious publication concerning the Government of the Colony in the Ta Kung Pao on March 5 last.

Mr. Yiu-ming, proprietor and publisher, was fined \$4,000 or nine months in default of payment of fine while Lee Chung-ying, editor, was fined \$3,000 or six months.

The Trial Judge, Mr. Justice Williams, also ordered, on application by the Crown, suppression of the Ta Kung Pao for a period of six months.

On May 17, the Full Court of Appeal stayed the order pending determination of the appeal or until such further order by the Court.

The Full Court of Appeal comprised the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and the two Puisne Judges, Mr. Justice Gould and Mr. Justice Reece.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. Brook Bernachi are appearing for the appellants, and Mr. A. Hooton, acting Solicitor-General, is for the Crown.

INMATERIAL

Mr. Hooton quoted judgments made by several judges in the case of Rex v. Hughes.

How a person came before a Magistrate was quite immaterial if the Justice had jurisdiction in respect of the time and place of the offence, submitted Mr. Hooton. In the present case, he said, there was a lawful charge on ex officio information jurisdiction over the place of the offence, the Supreme Court, and there was jurisdiction over the time, it was brought within six months; there was also the Attorney-General's consent.

The source said Son was now definitely in Cambodia amidst the Cambodian forces and added that if the French wanted to arrest him they should seek out the Free Cambodian troops.

Appeals will also be sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations and permanent delegates of the countries mentioned, the source continued.

Son's letter said Cambodia was now practically a subdued country deprived of authority. He charged that since he had accepted the Free Cambodian leadership the French "have redoubled oppression and terror against the Cambodian people."

"Entire villages are burned, men subjugated, women maltreated, even cattle not spared," he wrote. "The people are subjected to unbearable vexations, death, misery and famine." — United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02 Children's Half Hour—"Toy Town" (S.G. Juime Doeman (D.B.C.); "Dreadful Goings" in "The Story of the Little Prince" (S. V. V.); "Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 7.50 Weather Report; 8. Time Signals; 9.15 "The Story of the Little Prince" (S.G. Juime Doeman (D.B.C.); 9.30 Election Talk by Candidate to Urban Council—Mr. C. N. Kong (Recorded); 9.45 "The Royal Military Band" conducted by Capt. Ropus Van Yperen; 9.50 Orchestra of the Week—Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra; 10.15 "Vocal Fantasy" by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano); 10.30 "Mr. Gille"—A Play by Georges Aristede (Recorded); 11.15 "The Royal Derby" (Commentary by Raymond Glendenning (London Review); 11.45 "Waltz of the Toreadors" (London Review); 12.15 "The Queen's Coronation."

AG'S CONSENT

In the judgment of another Judge in the same case, Mr. Hooton said, it was held that the jurisdiction also did not depend upon the warrant, but it depended upon the filling of the information into Court.

In the present case it was necessary to have the Attorney-General's consent to give the Supreme Court jurisdiction to try and, in a way, it was necessary to give jurisdiction for the Judge to issue his warrant said Mr. Hooton. The jurisdiction to try arose on the filing of the information, the appearance of the parties charged and in the present particular case, the time limit and the Attorney-General's consent. In the present case there could be no valid objection of the process because the process was not a necessary ingredient of conviction for that offence.

After quoting further cases, Mr. Hooton said that all through these cases "we get the theme that what really matters is what the person is charged with."

Summarising, the Solicitor-General said that jurisdiction of arrest and jurisdiction to hear a charge were completely different things. It was only if it was made a condition precedent of hearing a charge that it could affect the jurisdiction. If objection might be taken that there was an illegal process there should be an adjournment for a hearing to determine if that was necessary for a person to know what was charged against him.

Mr. Hooton said that he thought that if there was some irregularity which did not go to the root of jurisdiction, that

Living Language

Why we say All serene.

"Serenade" has the same origin as "serene" for they both come from the Latin "serenus" meaning bright and calm. Whereas "serenade" has come to mean a quiet and soothing piece of music, generally to be played at night. "sereno" means placid and the slang phrase "All serene," most often used by schoolboys, means "all's well".

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting of unregistered correspondence at the General Post Office and Kowloon Post Office; the latest times of posting for registered articles and airmail letters, and the times indicated below. Particulars regarding parcels may be obtained by enquiry at any Post Office.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

By Air
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Burma, 3 p.m.; C.P.A., 2 p.m.; Korea, 5 p.m.; D.O.A.C. Formosa, 5 p.m.; H.K. Airways, 5 p.m.; Hong/Tak Shing, 5 p.m.

By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.; 6 p.m. to Lee Hong/Tak Shing, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Noon, via P.A.A.; Indo-China, French Indo-China, 1 p.m.; Air Vietnam, 1 p.m.; E. & W. Pakistan, Middle East, 2 p.m.; B.O.A.C. Formosa, 2 p.m.; 6 p.m. to Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.; 6 p.m. to Lee Hong/Tak Shing, 5 p.m.

Unlicensed
Hire Boats

Five more rowing boat owners, whose craft were seized by the Police over the week-end at Latchiwood Beach, were fined by Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for allowing their vessels out for hire without licences.

Hearing is continuing.

Defendants, who were arrested when they went to the Marine Police to claim ownership of the sampans yesterday, were fined \$50 each with the exception of Wong Ping-chung, 21, who was fined \$100 because he had two boats. The others were Lee Suk-kan, 23, married woman, Chow Fui, 26, Wong Wo, 23, and Kong Shun, 35.